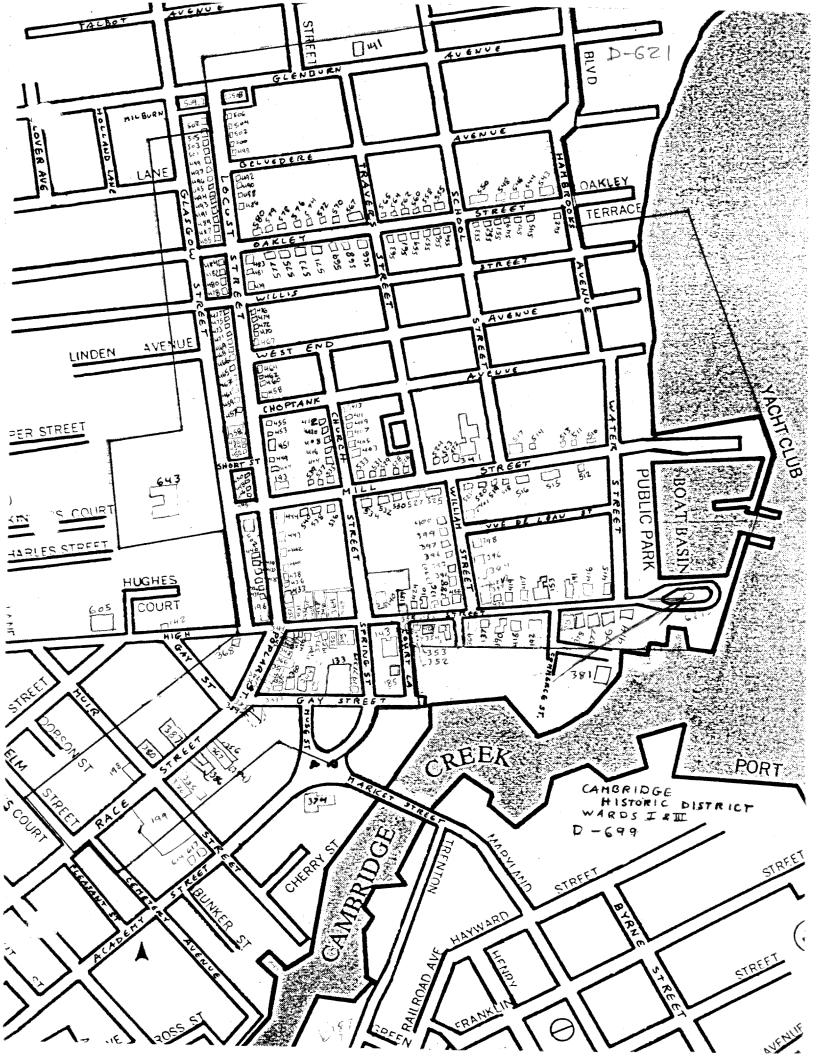
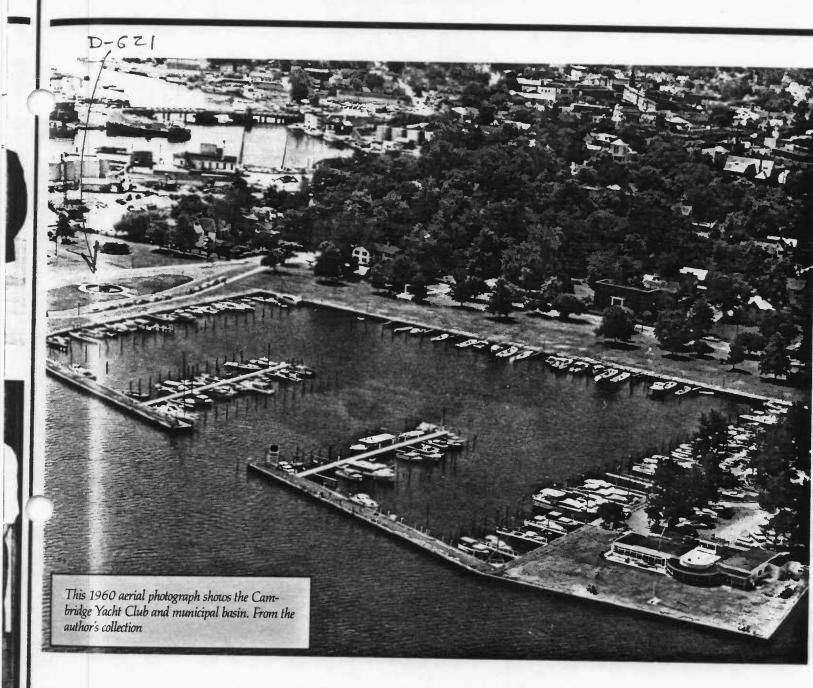
D-621 World War I Memorial Cambridge Public

This rather unprepossessing stone fountain set in the middle of the circular drive on the Long Wharf is Cambridge's monument to its sons who lost their lives in World War I. A marker monument created in 1946 after the Second World War stands nearby on Water Street near the Yacht Club.







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W. Earle Orem built all of his own boats, and Arlie Adkins was his engine expert. Earle placed well up in the 225 cubic-inch hydroplane standings in 1937-38, and in 1939 he was unbeatable in a homemade Pacific One Design hydroplane called the Sea Flea. Arlie Adkins built its sixty horsepower, Ford V-8 engine, and Orem set a world record of 50.60 miles per hour for the measured mile in Washington, D.C. In 1940 W. Earle Orem was selected by a jury of American Power Boat Association officials, magazine writers, and employees of Gulf Oil Company to the Gulf Hall of Fame. Cambridge's first Hall of Famer is still recognized by his fellow drivers as one of the best local drivers ever, in spite of much greater honors won by later racers.

This photograph shows Orem's Seagull, 225 cubic-inch hydroplane; she was ranked third in the world in her class in 1940. Courtesy of Bess Orem



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